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HOUSE PASSES HUGHES BILL

Applying Law to All Government Work.

The Hughes bill, requiring the observance of the eight-hour law by all contractors on government work, was passed by the House of Representatives yesterday.

The bill, which was introduced by Representative Hughes, provides that hereafter the government shall insert in all contracts affecting the employment of laborers and mechanics, a stipulation that the contractor or subcontractor shall not work such employees more than eight hours in any one day.

A line is provided for violations.

Representative Berger's Comments.

Representative Victor Berger, the Milwaukee socialist, criticized the debate on the bill with a few original comments.

"We have been passing eight-hour laws since 1848," he said, "and none of them ever held water yet. I don't understand this bill, and I don't think the lawgivers do. Why don't you get a bricklayer to write a bill for ten hours in length and then have the newspaper men approve it? Then the bill could be understood."

"For the time in fifty years the democrats are playing good politics," said Berger, turning to the democratic side. "They got the old soldier vote day yesterday; they got the Jew vote yesterday, and now they are after the labor vote."

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THINES KEPT UP AGAIN

Lorimer Committee Wants Out About Secret Conference.

Efforts are baffled.

Counsel Say They Will Return to the Subject.

"MANNY" ABRAHAMS HEARD

Denies Being Paid for His Vote or That He Held Up Ballot for Senator.

What happened in a private room in the Chicago Union League Club March 27, 1909, when Edward Thines, the millionaire lumberman, is alleged to have met other men to reimburse the fund which is said to have been used to "put Senator Lorimer over," was the point of a long debate at today's session of the Lorimer investigating committee.

Thines was a belligerent witness today. When he did not like a question he demanded that it be stricken from the record. Lawyers for the committee hoped to develop by questioning Thines what he knew of the private room. His counsel, Judge Haney, Lorimer's counsel, successfully combated that line of inquiry.

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BY FAVORS, SAYS OLIVER

Tells Committee of Freight Charges From Lake Erie to Pittsburgh.

Senator Oliver of Pennsylvania, a witness before the House steel investigating committee today, testified that the freight charges on the Lake Erie to Pittsburgh district from the lower end of the Erie and United States Steel Corporation's railroad rate is steadily maintained at more than double the rate in any other district.

He said:

"I did of a personal investigation which disclosed that the rate on the Lake Erie to Pittsburgh was 96 cents a ton on the Bessemer and Lake Erie railroad, owned by the steel corporation. He advised the Pittsburgh chamber of commerce that the rate should be 50 cents a ton."

"Reduce the Pittsburgh rate to 50 cents a ton," said Senator Oliver, and it would make a difference of \$1 a ton in the cost of pig iron."

Thinks Carnegie Was Favored.

Senator Oliver declared his belief that Andrew Carnegie owed a great deal of his prosperity in the steel business to "favors from transportation companies."

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WORKS FACE HUNGER

Supplies Near Exhaustion, Is Report of Deserter.

IN QUARREL WITH ARABS

Dissension Reported in Ranks of Allies Against Italy.

MALETA, December 15.—The Turkish and Arab forces who have retreated to the oases at some distance from the coast of Tripoli are in a sorry plight, according to a statement made by a Maltese deserter, who succeeded in escaping from the Turkish camp and has just reached Malta.

Tommia says that it will be impossible for the Mohammedan forces to hold out much longer, owing to the entire lack of provisions. He says also that the dissensions among the Arab irregulars and the Turkish troops have become so acute that defections among the former are extremely numerous.

Forced Into Ranks.

Tommia, who was seized by the Turks, was forced by them to serve in their ranks and fight against the Italian troops on several occasions. He succeeded, however, in escaping from their camp, and made his way across the desert to the frontier of Tunis. On reaching the coast he obtained passage on a small vessel in which he came to Malta.

Tommia is starting from here for Tripoli tomorrow with the intention of informing Gen. Canova, in command of the Italian expeditionary force, of the strength of the Turkish and Arab forces and the extent of their supplies. He also will describe the positions occupied by the Turkish troops.

Accused of Using Dumdums.

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 15.—Officials of the Turkish war office are circulating a complaint that the Italian troops in Tripoli are using dumdum bullets in their operations.

Feeling is still running high here against the Italian troops, and the other ministers who are accused of being responsible for denuding of supplies the Turkish troops in Tripoli.

Several bombs are reported to have been discovered at the offices of the grand vizier and the minister of war.

Rebels Fled the Field.

The rebels fled after the fight, leaving five dead on the field. Four prisoners were taken by the federals and some rifles and a quantity of ammunition was captured.

The federals lost Maj. Amada Perez